

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following is a complete list of claims. The claims below replace all prior versions of the claims in the application. Please cancel claim 2 and amend claims 1, 4, 5, 12, 13 and 15 – 20.

1. (Currently Amended) A housing for an electronic system, the housing comprising:
 - an opening operable to hold an interface; ~~attachment~~; and
 - a passage having a first opening adjacent to the opening, having a second opening and a third opening, the passage being ~~and~~ operable to hold a communication medium that extends between the first opening and the second or third openings.
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3. (Original) The housing of claim 1 wherein the housing includes:
 - a back comprising the opening, and
 - a top covering the passage.
4. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 1 wherein the third passage ~~includes an auxiliary opening~~ is adjacent the second opening.
5. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 1 wherein:
 - ~~the third passage includes an auxiliary opening~~ is adjacent the second opening, and
 - the housing includes a top covering the passage, and a cap operable to close the third ~~auxiliary~~ opening.
6. (Original) The housing of claim 1 wherein the passage is substantially straight.
7. (Original) The housing of claim 1 wherein the passage is substantially rectangular.
8. (Original) The housing of claim 1 wherein:
 - the first opening has an area,

the second opening has an area, and

the area of the first opening does not equal the area of the second opening.

9. (Original) The housing of claim 1 wherein:

the first opening has an area,

the second opening has an area, and

the area of the first opening is smaller than the area of the second opening.

10. (Original) The housing of claim 1 wherein the passage tapers.

11. (Original) The housing of claim 1 wherein:

the housing further comprises a storage compartment, and

the second opening opens to the storage compartment.

12. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim 1 wherein:

the housing further comprises a storage compartment, and includes a top covering the passage, and

the third passage includes an auxiliary opening is located on through the top, and the second opening opens to the storage compartment.

13. (Currently Amended) An electronic system, comprising:

an interface; attachment; and

a housing defining an opening in which the interface attachment is mounted and defining a passage having a first opening adjacent to the interface, attachment, having a second opening and a third opening, the passage being and operable to hold a communication medium coupled between the interface attachment and a device external to the housing.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the communication medium comprises a cable.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer system, comprising:

an interface; attachment; and

- a housing defining an opening in which the interface attachment is mounted and defining a passage having a first opening adjacent to the interface attachment, having a second opening and a third opening, the passage being and operable to hold a communication medium coupled between the interface attachment and a device external to the housing.
16. (Currently Amended) A method for coupling an external device to an interface attachment of an electronic system, the method comprising:
- inserting a communication medium in a passage having a first opening adjacent to the interface attachment having and a second opening and a third opening, the second or third opening being adjacent to the external device;
- connecting the communication medium to the interface attachment; and
- connecting the communication medium to the external device.
17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 45 wherein inserting the communication medium includes extending the medium through the first opening and the second opening.
18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 45 wherein inserting the communication medium includes extending the medium through the first opening and the third ~~an auxiliary~~ opening in the passage.
19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 47 further comprising supporting the external device on top of a storage compartment.
20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 45 further comprising storing the external device in a storage compartment.
21. (New) The housing of claim 1 wherein the third opening opens to an environment outside the housing.